

## 2.0 REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CHANGES

*This Section Has Been Added To The 2001 ROD*

Several changes in regional planning and land development in the study area led to the Record of Decision (ROD) revisions. Each is described below.

- *Approval of the RidgeGate Planned Development District.* The Planned Development District Land Use Plan for the RidgeGate Development (then known as Rampart Range) and associated traffic studies were completed in July 2000. On August 29, 2000, the RidgeGate Development was annexed by the City of Lone Tree with a vote of 824-606, with 45 percent of Lone Tree voters participating in the election.
- *Revisions to the Regional Transportation Plan.* The Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) 2025 RTP (April, 2002) includes the following changes: addition of the RidgeGate Parkway Interchange, removal of the Schweiger Interchange ramps, removal of the Surrey Ridge Road Interchange ramps, and addition of an I-25 east-side frontage road from Castle Pines Parkway to RidgeGate Parkway.
- *The RidgeGate Parkway Interchange System and Project Level Feasibility Study.* The RidgeGate Parkway Interchange was an element of the Other Alternative in the Final Environmental Impact Study (FEIS). Following the FEIS and ROD, the City of Lone Tree initiated Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) 1601 process (Policy Directive 1601, October 2000). This process requires feasibility studies for new interchange proposals on state highways and interstates. These studies must determine the traffic impacts of the proposed interchange on the regional highway system and the impacts on the local street network and must also demonstrate satisfactory operation of the proposed interchange. The RidgeGate Parkway Interchange System and Project Level Feasibility Study was completed in May 2002 and approved by the CDOT Transportation Commission in June 2002.
- *Plum Creek Parkway Interchange.* The Town of Castle Rock and CDOT reevaluated the Plum Creek Parkway Interchange and based on this analysis the Town has passed a resolution to relocate the northbound ramps of this interchange north to Plum Creek Parkway to create a standard diamond interchange.